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LB 1090

that if everybody is willing to throw in the towel, I shall let them. But I wanted there to be an opportunity before this bill moves for us to say whatever we had on our minds to say. LB 1090 does not deal with the sales tax. It does not deal with the income tax. It does not deal with the electrical surcharge, the electricity surcharge. It's just a poor little innocent budget bill. At some point, it was an unborn bill, somewhere languishing in somebody's brain, waiting to be born. Then it came into the world, bothering nobody, behaving as budget bills often do. It is not even the mainline budget bill. If it could talk--and I'm going to try to speak for it, since I'm the defender of the downtrodden. Sometimes, Senator Friend, the downtrodden will have four legs; sometimes even eight, which is an arachnid--everybody is afraid of spiders--sometimes six, which would be an insect; sometimes it has no legs at all, such as LB 1090. All it wants to do is allow the movement here and there of some money to help the state solve some very serious fiscal problems. It had no idea that when it came out here it would be handled so roughly. It did not know that its identifying number would be associated with so much in the way of acrimonious discussion, debate, allegations, counterallegations, and so forth. It did not want to cause grief and heartburn to our illustrious Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee. But that's what happens often to the innocent. They are projected into the middle of a battle. As the battle rages, that innocent one may have been the catalyst, the one without whom the reaction would not occurred, but it has no part to play in the reaction itself. So whereas LB 1090 might have been mentioned, its contents were not discussed, were not challenged, were not given any regard during the debate. Even when the importance of that bill was alluded to, there was no detailing of what it contains. Even the Chairman referred you to a page number, so that you could look at it and see what poor, haggard, harried, hounded, harassed LB 1090 has gone through this morning, yesterday, and the day before. I'm going to vote to advance LB 1090, because I think it is an essential bill. What it does is necessary. And it bears no blame or responsibility for where we are at this point. When it comes to the sales tax, the income tax, and that surcharge on electricity use, nothing was done, other than to have the discussion. I would agree with Senator Maxwell in saying that the discussion